

OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST REPORT

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Subject: Matrix of Policy Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2008

OVERVIEW

In IBA Report No. 07-60, dated June 1, 2007, the IBA made thirty-three policy recommendations related to the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2008 Proposed Budget. The recommendations were intended to provide avenues for improved financial governance or increased efficiency and effectiveness. It was recommended that each of these items be explored and discussed over the course of the fiscal year, and that the IBA would track the progress of these items and report regularly to the Budget and Finance Committee. These recommendations were adopted by the City Council via Resolution R-302734, on June 11, 2007, as part of the adoption of the final budget.

This report provides the first update on progress made to-date on each of the policy recommendations. Also included is a status report on the additions to the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget specifically directed by the City Council.

FISCAL/POLICY DISCUSSION

Considerable progress has been made in several areas related to the policy recommendations, including:

- Detailed committee review of the Debt Policy and Reserves Policy
- Staffing of the City Internal Audit Function, including appointment of the Internal Auditor

Updates from the Mayor's office to various City Council committees are expected over the next few months for many issues, including:

- Permanent Homeless Shelter
- ADA Compliance
- Managed Competition
- Booking Fees
- CDBG Process

Many areas need additional work and further attention in order to resolve outstanding issues. The IBA intends to provide additional information to departments affected by the policy recommendations to ensure progress is made during the fiscal year.

The IBA is also monitoring the status of new positions or funding added for specific purposes by the City Council to various departments. Of ten positions added to the budget for brush management and code compliance activities in Park and Recreation, San Diego Fire-Rescue and Neighborhood Code Compliance, eight positions have been filled. Two Utility Worker positions are currently being held vacant to allow for job placements in the event of a reduction in force. An additional position restored for the Library is also filled.

CONCLUSION

Progress has been made on several key policy recommendations, related to financial policies and the City Internal Audit Function. Many items are expected to continue to advance in the months ahead. Eight additional positions have been filled from among the Council-directed additions to the budget.

The IBA will work with department to advance progress, and will continue to monitor all items in order to strengthen accountability and provide significant public information on these topics.

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Attachments:

- 1) IBA Policy Matrix - Fiscal Year 2008
- 2) City Council Modifications to Mayor's Fiscal Year 2008 Budget